



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

MAYOR'S THRIVE BY FIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

March 24, 2020

Webex

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Coordinating Council Members

DC Agency Representatives

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance	Designee	Attendance
Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard	Thrive by Five Coordinating Council	present		
Ellen Riordan	District of Columbia Public Library	present		
Rayna Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services	not present	Sakina Thompson	present
Carlie Fisherow	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education	present		
Dr. Erica McClaskey	DC Health	present		
Erin Kupferberg	Public Charter School Board	not present		
Dr. Cheryl Ohlson	DC Public Schools	present		
Brenda Donald	Child and Family Services Agency	not present	Natalie Craver	present
Dr. Barbara Bazron	Department of Behavioral Health	not present	Barbara Parks	present
Theresa Early	Department of Human Services	present		
Vanessa Weatherington	Department of Employment Services	present	Leslie Green	present
Superintendent Hanseul Kang	Office of the State Superintendent of Education	present		



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Public Members

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance
Yael Meirovich	Community Member Ward 1	present
Michelle Parrish	Community Member Ward 5	present
Ramin Taheri	Community Member Ward 6	present
LaJoy Johnson-Law	Community Member Ward 8	not present
Dr. Margareth Legaspi	State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council	present
Brenda Rhodes Miller	DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	not present
Kimberly Perry	DC Action for Children	not present
Ruqiyyah Abu-Anbar	Home Visiting Council	not present
Dominique Spencer	Jubilee Jumpstart	present
Dr. Marla Dean	Bright Beginnings	present
Dr. Lenore Jarvis	DC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	present
Dr. Dea Sloan	DC Academy of Family Physicians	present
(unfilled)	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 2	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 3	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 4	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 7	

Other Attendees: Eva Laguerre (OSSE), Michelle Price (OSSE), Ana Van Balen (DHCD), Colleen Sonosky (DHCF), Natasha Herring (DPR), Tiffany Wilson (Thrive by Five DC)



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Agenda

1. Call to Order

Council Chair

- Chair Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard (Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
- Chair shared the agenda for the meeting.

2. Reflections from January Meeting

Council Chair

- Chair provided a summary of January 22nd meeting. While reflecting on the January meeting, Chair reopened discussion around what “thrive” meant to this body. Using comments from last meeting, Chair presented a working definition of thrive: “to live health, joyful lives in a safe environment, free of systemic barriers, regardless of identity”. Chair noted that the definition still needs to incorporate knowledge, access, and awareness of resources and support and welcomed any wordsmithing.
- Members added that the current definition does not call out bias and needs to include something about equity across all wards and honoring/upholding one’s identity.
- Sloan offered “joyful lives in safe and equitable environments regardless of health literacy, access and availability of resources”.
- Chair opened discussion around systems challenges and opportunities in light of the current coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis. Chair asked members: “With our focus on COVID-19 and the city’s response: What are the challenges we currently see? Systemic gaps? Opportunities? Bright spots?”
- Members acknowledged the work that certain agencies have done very quickly to minimize disruptions, but noted the need for increased communication to community-based organizations and child care centers. Dean also noted a desire for more communication regarding guidance from Head Start around meals to ensure that organizations’ actions are compliant with law.
- Parrish noted that family feeding is an issue, especially with schools out. Parrish also noted that homes are being turned into homeschool households, families need more support and reassurance they won’t be penalized if unable to log on due to restraints around technology and internet access. Spencer and Sloan highlighted potential limitations on parents’ understanding/literacy and how that will impact efficacy of the distance learning model.
- A few members shared operational shifts within their organizations as bright spots, including providing physical materials for families, teachers doing read-alouds online, ideas for learning at home (instead of trying to replicate school at home).
- Ohlson wanted to know how other programs are staying in touch with families during this time and how they are planning for families who are facing increasing needs around housing and food insecurity.



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- Members also took time to discuss the impact of school closures on vaccinations schedule, as doctors are gatekeepers for who can currently access care. Drs. Jarvis and McClaskey noted that immunization is on their radar. Offices are trying to ensure that important vaccinations are still being delivered in a timely fashion, with an emphasis on immunizations for infants under 6 months of age.
- Chair remarked that these questions and points of discussion would be great for providing recommendations.

3. Thrive by Five DC Updates

Council Chair

- Chair highlighted Thrive by Five DC's tagline, mission, and vision.
- Chair also highlighted new outreach materials, including brochures and palm cards available on the Thrive by Five DC webpage in English, Amharic, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Chair mentioned the newly added "Coronavirus" tab on the Thrive by Five DC webpage with information and resources for families and providers. Families will be able to find information about distance learning, activities for kids, and other online resources. Providers will be able to access guidance from OSSE on meals, closures, provision of early intervention services, and online resources.
- Chair noted that the tab also includes a page specific to maternal health and what is currently known about the disease's impact on expectant moms.

4. Government Agency Updates

Council Members

- The following agencies and organizations provided information about their operating statuses, resources and any other relevant updates during the District's public health emergency:
 - Department of Human Services*
 - Office of the State Superintendent of Education*
 - Department of Health Care Finance*
 - Department of Parks and Recreation*
 - Department of Behavioral Health
 - Department of Employment Services*
 - DC Public Schools*
 - DC Public Library*
 - DC American Academy of Pediatrics*
 - DC Health
- *Those marked with an asterisk have updates included in the meeting presentation linked [here](#).*



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- Parks of DBH shared that DC SEED providers (MedStar Georgetown, Mary's Center, and Community Connections) are providing telehealth only. Parks also provided information for DBH's child psychiatric practice group for early childhood services and the urgent care clinic: 202-698-1838.
- Jarvis of DC AAP shared information about a COVID drive-through clinic at Trinity Washington University (125 Michigan Ave NE) for children. Pediatricians must write a prescription for the COVID test in order for a child to be tested. Hours of operation are currently between 10 am-2 pm. Children with co-morbidities or are immunocompromised are prioritized. Jarvis also noted that the clinic is looking for clinical and non-clinical volunteers to staff, with hours from 9 am- 3:30 pm.
- McClaskey of DC Health shared information regarding safety of children, medications, and other operational shifts. For medications, DC Health is working to ensure that children are covered with school closings. DC Health recommends that families are following up with their children's primary care providers as there should be no issue with students getting their medications. McClaskey noted that most insurance companies are shifting extending their time period policies regarding getting medications early or getting a 90-day supply for certain prescriptions.
- McClaskey also noted that while school-based health centers are offering limited operating hours, they are still providing telemedicine support (and ensuring that students are able to get mental health services, teens are able to get contraceptives, etc.)
- DC Health is working with hospitals to ensure that newborn screenings (hearing and metabolic) are still occurring. DC Health is also working to monitor and change home visiting services given the current situation.

5. Other Member Updates

Council Members

- Chair asked for any additional comments from members.
- Some members requested other agency updates not shared in the slide deck to be included in follow-up correspondence.
- Balen with DHCD noted that they are awaiting information regarding rental assistance. Balen reminded members that there can be no evictions at this time and requested to be alerted if this is occurring.
- Fisherow with Office of the DME highlighted the great work that DC Health is doing and the DC Education Equity Fund (released March 24, 2020). Fisherow heard the concern about community-based organizations and child care providers and will follow up.

6. Additional Comments & Next Steps

Council Members



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- Parrish posed a question regarding meal sites as potentially unhealthy for the community environment. The Chair mentioned that it was a point raised on daily ed cluster calls. Parrish also asked about the 2020 Summit and whether or not planning had stalled
- Chair reminded members about the opportunity to meet 1:1 via phone or virtually to hear thoughts and suggested next steps for the Council.
- Chair reminded members that meeting materials are available via OneDrive.
- Chair presented future Coordinating Council meeting dates with a tentative location: May 27, July 29, September 9, October 28, and December 16, 2020.

7. Adjournment

Council Chair

- Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Tiffany Wilson at tiffany.wilson@dc.gov.